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## Proposed Committee Bill on Student Success & Teacher Quality Passes House K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Following 6 hours of public testimony by parents, teachers and administrators, the House K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee today passed the proposed committee bill relating to student success and teacher quality.

"Teacher effectiveness has proven to be the most important school-level variable that leads to student learning gains," said Representative Erik Fresen (R-Miami), chairman of the House K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee and co-sponsor of the bill. "This student-centered legislation establishes a means by which we can identify those educators who have demonstrated their ability to provide a quality education to their students and reward them appropriately."

"I applaud the Members of the House K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee for passing this good bill today," said Representative Bill Proctor (R-St. Augustine), chairman of the House Education Committee. "I am confident that implementing a performance pay plan that is grounded in fair and meaningful performance evaluations will aid in identifying, awarding and ultimately retaining our state's excellent teachers. By basing employment contracts for teachers hired from this point forward on continually demonstrated success with their students rather than on tenure while providing flexibility and appropriate consideration to teachers currently on professional service contracts (aka tenure), this bill will significantly improve the quality of instruction for students in Florida classrooms."

For more information on the proposed committee bill on student success and teacher quality, please visit the Florida House of Representatives K-20 Competitiveness Subcommittee webpage.